ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A spinal rod approximator that is effective to approximate a spinal rod into the rod-receiving member of a spinal implant is provided. In general, the device includes first and second components that are slidably coupled to one another. The first component, hereinafter referred to as the implant-gripping member, has an implant-gripping portion that is adapted to engage the rod-receiving member of a spinal implant, and a second component, hereinafter referred to as the rod-engaging member, has rod-engaging portion that is slidably coupled to the implant-gripping member. A pusher member can be coupled to one of the implant-gripping member and the rod-engaging member, and it can be threadably mated to the other one of the implant-gripping member and the rod-engaging member. In use, the pusher member is effective to move the implant-gripping member and the rod-engaging member with respect to one another to move a spinal rod into the rod-receiving member of a spinal implant.

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